

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
Public Lands Policy Coordination  
May 11, 2010  
Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Members:**

Rebecka Stromness, Chairwoman  
Department of Transportation  
Paul Zahn, DEQ/Environmental  
Response & Remediation  
Laura Ault, Forestry, Fire & State Lands  
Kimm Harty, Utah Geological Survey  
Susan Zarekarizi, State Parks  
Bill Schlotthauer, Water Rights  
Todd Adams, Water Resources  
Carmen Bailey, DNR/Wildlife  
Mike Mower, Governor's Office of  
Planning & Budget

Joel Karmazyn, Air Quality  
Clinton Dworshak, Oil, Gas & Mining  
Bill Damery, Water Quality  
Ron Daniels, Governor's Energy Office  
Ralph Bohn, DEQ/ Solid & Hazardous  
Waste  
Julie Cobleigh, DEQ/ Drinking Water

**Guest:**

Randy Jefferies

**Staff:**

Kelly Beck  
Sean Reichert

The meeting was called to order by Rebecka Stromness at 9:00 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion to approve the April minutes was made. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of RDCC Database Experiences**

- Database is live.
- As of May 11, 2010 the new database is the link from the PLPCO website.
- The old database is being completely phased out.
- No new changes made to the new system.
- PLPCO is working through the old projects from old system.
- PLPCO gets better info on projects when the individual agency enters the project into the database, but PLPCO is still happy to enter them in for the agencies.
- Make comments on projects via the blog.
- Judy is the main person to whom you send comments and suggestions to regarding the database.
- Some are struggling to figure out where the projects are. Suggestion for a possible modification was made.

- Numbering sequence confuses some people. Sean Reichert explained that the database preloads numbers every day, which is why the project number base changes. You can tell what projects were done on any given day based on the number. They are numbered this way for efficient storage. Numbers will be sequential, but not consecutive.
- The existing projects from old system should have stayed the same when imported into new system.
- A suggestion was made to incorporate a filter into a search.
- Fixes and suggestions for the database will have to go into version 2.
- Information-wise there is almost no difference between the old and new database. The information is just located in different places.
- PLPCO is being more thorough by putting more projects on the database so there are more projects to filter through.
- BLM projects on the database:
  - Would like the BLM to specify whether the project is a FYI project or a comment project so time isn't wasted by commenting on it.
  - Kelly reported that PLPCO has started discussions with the BLM about what the ENBB is and how the BLM uses it.
  - What happens to our comments to them? BLM doesn't ask for our concurrence. Use our contacts in the field offices to try to encourage our comments to be integrated into final decisions. Ask to be given heads up on projects.
  - ENBB is used as an internal notification within the BLM. Only pulling things tagged as EAs and EISs. Called BLM on projects with no deadline listed and were told have about a month for comment.
  - This is a great opportunity to promote the BLM putting projects through RDCC.

#### **West Davis Corridor EIS Update – Randy Jefferies, UDOT**

- Looking at the transportation needs for western Davis and Weber counties through the year 2040 to prepare for growth.
- UDOT is taking an open approach to the process. They don't have a predetermined outcome. Partnering with communities and agencies to come up with a balanced solution.
- Not sure if the Legacy Parkway will link to the Corridor or not.
- Started the EIS process in January 2010 by drafting the Purpose and Need, which is available for review. After review, move into alternatives developments.
- Goal is to finish EIS process by 2013.
- The population is projected to increase by 75 percent in the WDC area by 2040; extra time spent in traffic is projected to increase by 140 percent by 2040; and the total number of roadway lane-miles congested during the evening commute is projected to increase by 200 percent by 2040. These projected growths trigger transportation needs.
- The purpose and need of the WDC is the following:
  - Primary purposes:**
    - Improve regional mobility.
    - Enhance peak-period mobility.
  - Secondary objectives:**
    - Increase the interconnection between transportation modes.
    - Support local growth objectives.
    - Increase bicycle and pedestrian options.

- Asking for input on purpose and need. Comments due by May 25. Go to project website [www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis). Comment only through RDCC.
- What comment from local government has the WDC received? Very supportive. Concerned about dividing communities. Previous study done to identify corridor. Worried some of their investments might not come through.
- Any coordination to preserve agricultural production lands? The cities are aware of that. UDOT brought in the Farm Bureau. Making sure to take that into account.

## Reports from Agencies

- Laura Ault reported the following from the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands:
  - Laura will take Dave Grierson's place as RDCC member.
  - Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan has been pushed back a month.
  - Utah Lake RMP two applications are being worked on.
- Kimm Harty reported the following from Utah Geological Survey:
  - No specific RDCC items.
  - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has new program starting May 12, called Cash for Appliances. You can turn in appliances and get rebates from UGS. Go to [www.cashforappliancesutah.com](http://www.cashforappliancesutah.com).
- Susan Zarekarizi had nothing to report from Utah State Parks.
- Bill Schlotthauer reported the following from the Division of Water Rights:
  - There are a couple of statutes going into effect on May 11.
  - A couple of forms for acquirey and disposery.
  - There is a Land Deed addendum and a Water Deed addendum.
  - Go to [www.waterrights.utah.gov](http://www.waterrights.utah.gov) for the forms.
  - Rain water collection certs will be online soon.
- Todd Adams reported the following from the Division of Water Resources:
  - Just finished the public review draft of the Jordan River State Water Plan. It will be going to press within the next month.
- Carmen Bailey reported the following from the Division of Wildlife Resources:
  - No projects to report.
  - Lots of new bills coming into effect today, May 11.
  - The Stream Access Bill – House Bill 141.
  - Soon have an interactive website showing where all the publicly accessible rivers and streams are in Utah to fish. Working on getting access to private property so you can fish those too.
- Mike Mower reported the following from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget:
  - The Governor has named members of the Great Salt Lake Commission. There will be 11 who will serve in that capacity. It is one of the few boards that will report to two agencies: Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. It will work with the technical team from the Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan.
- Joel Karmazyn had nothing to report from the Division of Air Quality.
- Clinton Dworshak reported the following from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining:
  - Nothing to report for RDCC.
  - Side note, the DOGM associate director, Gil Hunt, will retire as of June 1.
- Bill Damery had nothing to report from the Division of Water Quality.

- Ron Daniels reported the following from the Governor's Energy Advisory Office:
  - Had one of their quarterly Utah Energy forums on May 10.
  - Planning next one for July.
  - Price of gasoline has risen. Utah is 4<sup>th</sup> highest in nation.
- Julie Cobleigh had nothing to report from the Division of Drinking Water.
- Ralph Bohn had nothing to report from the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste.
- Kelly Beck reported the following from the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office:
  - Both of the Forest Service Plans are horribly out of date. FS wishes to develop new plans. Planning rules have been shot down in court for failing to incorporate the public, shortcomings in environmental impact analyses. FS starting process again to develop a planning rule. Judy attended a large national roundtable. PLPCO will be fairly involved with FS to develop the rule. Let us know if you see something that raises concern.
  - PLPCO has been a cooperating agency on several projects that are coming to an end:
    - Received the FEIS on UNEV project.
    - FEIS Mona to Oquirrh transmission line, with Pony Express plan amendment for the BLM.
    - Admin draft final for West Tavaputs Natural Gas Full Field Development. Comments are due to us soon if not already. Public final EIS soon.
    - Sigurd to Red Butte transmission line just getting started, in the process of preparing the draft EIS. Concerns with early proposed alignments for the line, 2 of which were going through Freemont Indian State Park. Alternatives have been jettisoned.
    - Energy Gateway South. In agency scoping. Go for public scoping probably in June.
- Paul Zahn had nothing to report from the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation.
- Rebecka Stromness had the following to report for the Department of Transportation:
  - Milepost 0-16 on I-15 EA project. Scoping projects are due in the next few weeks.
  - Request for participating agencies and scoping for the Bangerter and 600 West EIS. Doing project right next to where UTA is putting TRAX. Hope to have a presentation on that at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.